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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks are submitted for entry into the present application along with the Request for Continued Prosecution under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 accompanying this paper. This paper and the accompanying RCE are responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 7, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated November 12, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on November 12, 2004.

Accompanying this response is a one-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time, setting a new time for response to December 12, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification and Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.